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Cc: Russo, Rebecca[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov]
From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Sent: Wed 9/23/2015 6:45:55 PM
Subject: RE: Winter Discharge Treatment

Will do. Everything set on my end. Will amplify to media outlets within 75 miles.

Laura Jenkins

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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:43 PM
To: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
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Thanks. Please go as you had worked out with HQ

From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:33 PM
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Shaun:

HQ is releasing nationally. I'll amplify to all media outlets within 75 miles of Durango and Silverton, unless you want me to blanket the entire state or Region.

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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 12:31 PM

To: StClair, Christie; Gray, David; Deitz, Randy

Cc: Purchia, Liz; Distefano, Nichole; Ostrander, David; Braun, Richard; Sandoval, Joni; Way, Steven; Mills, Bethany; Reynolds, Thomas; Ackerman, Joyce; Vaught, Laura; Calanog, Steve; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; Russo, Rebecca; Hull, George; Smith, Roxanne

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All,

We are cleared to move forward.

Rebecca, please commence the notifications of elected officials.

Laura, at 1:30 MST, issue the release to the media.

Thanks,

Shaun

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Gray, David; McGrath, Shaun; Deitz, Randy
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All - Here is the final, formatted press release. Once Shaun green-lights, we'll leave an hour for notifications and then send the release to our GKM distribution list + post on the GKM site.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
Sept. 23, 2015

EPA Announces Gold King Mine Water Treatment System for Winter 2015-16

(Washington, DC) -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced today that a portable, temporary

treatment system will be located in Gladstone, CO (elevation 10,500ft) to continue treating water discharged from the Gold King Mine during winter 2015-16. This system will replace temporary settling ponds constructed by the EPA in August 2015.

The transition to the portable treatment system is necessary as local winter temperatures can reach -20F, making it unsafe to manually treat water at the mine site. The schedule calls for the treatment system to be operational by Oct. 14, 2015. EPA's contractor, ER LLC, awarded a subcontract Sept. 22, 2015 to Alexco Environmental Group (US) Inc. to complete the work.

This system will treat the approximately 550 gallons per minute (gpm) of water that continue to flow from the mine, including the discharges related to ongoing work in the mine to stabilize conditions. The system is designed to handle up to 1,200 gpm. The objective of the treatment system is to neutralize the mine discharge and remove solids and metals. Although the Gold king Mine discharge is just one of many into Cement Creek, the treatment will remove a portion of the metal loading to Cement Creek.

The EPA continues to evaluate data to determine the impact of the Gold King Mine on water quality.

Additional information about EPA's Gold King Mine response: www.epa.gov/goldkingmine

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